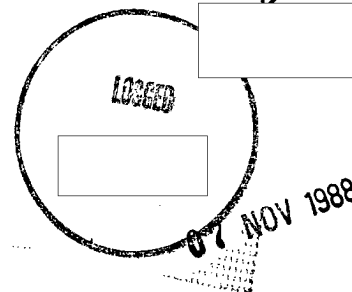


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MEMORANDUM FOR: CMCDS Concept of Operations Working Group

FROM:

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Chairman, DCI Intelligence Information Handling Committee

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SUBJECT:

Community Multilateral Counterterrorist Data System (CMCDS)
Concept of Operations

1. Attached for your consideration is a working paper setting forth a concept of operations for CMCDS or, more specifically, for its national level subsystem. The concept will, of course, be amplified and modified by the findings of the other working groups. I am scheduling a meeting on 18 November to discuss the proposed concept and associated issues. In addition to CONOPS WG members, the coordinators of the other working groups are asked to attend. Other interested persons will be welcome to the extent of available seating. The meeting will be held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at 1300. Please confirm your intention to attend to [REDACTED] by 15 November. [REDACTED]

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2. If its implementation is approved by the DCI/DDCI, the system we are defining will be based on DESIST, the current capabilities and facilities of which will be utilized to the maximum feasible and desirable extent. New investment would emphasize the following areas to upgrade or replace current capabilities as required:

- internal data access/dissemination algorithms (security filters);
- interstation communications (FLASHBOARD II);
- system access control and activity monitoring
- man-machine interfaces (user friendliness);
- data support services. [REDACTED]

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3. Encouraging progress is being made in expanding the scope of data sharing by Community agencies using DESIST/CMCDS as the medium. Agreement has been reached with the Department of State and reportedly with NSA. A broad understanding in this area will be a prerequisite to significant investment in CMCDS, inasmuch the system's utility will obviously be a function of the data base services it provides users. Our goal is a dynamic, responsive system that would be equally a source of information services and a medium for timely interaction among people and organizations charged with CT/AT intelligence production and operations support. Given a decision to proceed with implementation, we would seek to introduce new or enhanced capabilities incrementally. In particular, we will need to insure that an increasingly fragile FLASHBOARD system is replaced by equal or greater capability without a hiatus in operational availability. [redacted]

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4. I am looking to integrate the findings of the several working groups by the end of November, and to develop an initial draft of the system definition for general coordination, technical assessment, and cost estimation shortly thereafter. Your continued support and cooperation will be appreciated. [redacted]

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